extended to 4426 Blocks and 5.57 crore children during 1996-97. However, the Budget estimates for Mid-day Meal Scheme had to be reduced from Rs. 1400 to Rs. 800 crores due to non-availability of updated enrolment figures from States/UTs and other operational difficulties mainly relating to distribution of foodgrains to children on a massive scale. The revised allocation was fully utilised. Initial reports received from State Governments/UTs indicate that the scheme has had a favourable impact on the enrolment of children in primary classes.

Promotion of Sports in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra

3751. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to construct/develop sports stadia with synthetic track in and around Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra to promote sports in the Vidarbha region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN): (a) and (b) Based on the proposals received from the Government of Maharashtra seeking Central assistance under the scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure for construction/development of Sports Stadia in Nagpur, the Department has approved grant of financial assistance for construction of seven stadia enclosed Statement. *(See below)* The details of these are given in the Annexure. No proposal for laying of Synthetic track in any of the above stadia or elsewhere in Nagpur has been received in the Department.

Statement

Promotion of Sports in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra

Sl. No.	Name of the Project
1.	Indoor Stadium at Nagpur by Nagpur Yuvak Sikshan Sansthan, Nagpur.
2.	Multipurpose gymnasium hall at Nagpur by Kishanuji Bhisikar Akhada, Nagpur.
3.	Multipurpose gymnasium hall at Ward No. 66 Nagpur by Rao Sahib Akhada, Nagpur.
4.	Gymnasium hall at Ward No. 49, Nagpur by Nagpur Municipal Corporation.
5.	Gymnasium hall at Ward No. 55, Nagpur by Nagpur Municipal Corporation.
6.	Gymnasium hall at Ward No. 57, Nagpur by Nagpur Municipal Corporation.
7.	Gymnasium hall at Ward No. 62, Nagpur by Nagpur Municipal Corporation.

Youth Hostels in Maharashtra

3752. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth hostels functioning in Maharashtra as on date with the details of their locations;

(b) the details of the facilities available in these hostels and the funds being made available to these hostels by Government;

(c) whether Government propose to construct youth hostels in Nagpur and other parts of Vidarbha region in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?